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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Executive

SUBJECT: NIS Publications

1. Herewith is the reply from ORE, dated 23 May, to COAPS' memo of 15 May to you about separating the substantive production of the NIS (to remain within the NIS Committee) from the distribution of the publication (to go to OCD). We still maintain this separation should take place and, of course, is opposed as heretofore by the NIS Committee.

2. A report from the Air Force this morning (26 May) states that they are still receiving too many copies of the NIS Publications, and they have tried to have this number cut down but have been informed by the NIS Committee that it cannot be done. They wish to receive a variable number of copies the same as State and presumably all others. Naturally more people are interested in the USSR than in Paraguay.

3. We still hope that a real directive with teeth in it will be issued to take away from the NIS Committee the distribution of the end product. We are not in the book-publishing business to get customers throughout the Government. You will recall that after the war copies of JANIS were found in the New York Public Library.

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